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TAGS: FAO, AORG, EAGR

SUBJECT: FAO NUTRITION PROGRAMS

- 1. IN MEETING WITH KERMODE, FAO SECRETARIAT, FODAG WAS INFORMED NUTRITION PAPER FOR BOTH NEXT PROGRAM COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS HAS BEEN APPROVED BY SAOUMA AND IS EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE BY MID-AUGUST.
- 2. KERMODE WAS VERY RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS PAPERS IN ANY DETAIL OR TO GIVE FODAG ADVANCE COPY OF REPORT. HE SEEMED TO BE OPERATMVING UNDER STRICT INSTRUCTIONS TO KEEP REPORT UNDER WRAPS UNTIL MADE AVAILABLE BY FAO. HE DID, HOWEVER, INDICATE THAT REPORT WOULD RECOMMEND INCREASES IN ITS BUDGET FOR NUTRITIONAL AREA, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT RECOMMENDATIONS OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON NUTRITION. THOUGH KERMODE GAVE NO DETAILS, BASED ON PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS, FODAG BELIEVES REPORT WILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RECOMMEND NEED FOR 5-6 PEOPLE IN FIELD AND POSSIBLY 2 AT HEADQUARTERS OVER AND ABOVE THOSE NOW ON BOARD OR--IN CASE OF FIELD--THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN COMMITMENTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES, SUCH AS WFP. HE DID INDICATE REPORT RECOMMENDS THAT INCREASES IN BUDGET BE MET BY SPECIAL FUND RATHER THAN IN REGULAR BUDGET.

3. REPORT WILL NOT SUPPORT RECOMMENDATION OF AD HOC COMMITTEE THAT IT BE MADE PERMANENT COMMITTEE OF FAO. IDEA OF SECRETARIAT SEEMS TO BE THAT WORK OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON NUTRITION COULD BE MADE PART OF ALREADY STANDING COMMITTEE WHICH MEETS ANNUALLY. AT LEAST THIS IS WHAT KERMODE REFLECTED AS VIEW OF DIRECTOR GENERAL.

4. FODAG WILL POUCH REPORT WHEN AVAILABLE.HOLMES

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